



Welcome to the
Probate and Family Court
Department of the
Massachusetts Trial Court.

Many Probate and
Family Law matters
involve complex and
valuable legal rights.
You should always
speak with an attorney
before filing any papers.

LOOKING FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE?

This booklet
contains a list of
Lawyer Referral Services,
Free Legal Resources and
Legal Aid Agencies in

BARNSTABLE COUNTY

LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICES

LEGAL RESOURCES

The
Massachusetts
Trial Court
provides free
legal resources

MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION

LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE

Referrals to private attorneys, including reduced fee panel.

Call (617) 654-0400 or (800) 392-6164
e-mail: lrs@massbar.org
To register online, visit
www.massbar.org/lawhelp/

BOSTON BAR ASSOCIATION

LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE

Referrals to private attorneys, including reduced fee panel.
Serves mainly Greater Boston, inside Route 495, but will
provide referrals throughout Massachusetts.

Call (617) 742-0625 or e-mail: lrs@bostonbar.org
For more information, visit
www.bostonbar.org/lrs/index

LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE OF

BARNSTABLE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Referrals to private attorneys in Barnstable County.

Call (508) 362-2121

MASSACHUSETTS JUDICIAL BRANCH WEB SITE

The official web site of the Judicial Branch includes
judicial profiles, addresses, phone numbers and
directions for courthouses as well as other useful
information about the Trial Court. Click on
www.state.ma.us/courts

BARNSTABLE LAW LIBRARY

First District Courthouse
Barnstable, MA 02630

The Massachusetts Trial Court Law Libraries are open to
the public, providing legal reference services and legal
research assistance. The library is open from 8:30 a.m. to
4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Ask at the Registry of
Probate for the Law Libraries pamphlet which provides
more details. Call (508) 362-8539 or visit the Law Libraries
web site www.lawlib.state.ma.us

Free
resources
offered by the
Massachusetts
Bar Association

TEL-LAW

Tel-Law is a collection of recorded messages designed to answer basic questions about the law. Tel-Law is fully automated and you can access it 24 hours/day by calling (617) 338-0669. (Toll charges may apply)

WEB SITE

The MBA's web site offers answers to basic legal questions. Point your browser to www.massbar.org

DIAL-A-LAWYER

The first Wednesday of every month you can get free legal help, by telephone, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Lawyer volunteers staff phones to answer your questions.

Call (617) 338-0610

LEGAL
SERVICE
AGENCIES

These resources
are available
only to very
low income and
elderly
individuals

LEGAL SERVICES FOR CAPE COD AND THE ISLANDS

460 West Main Street

Hyannis, MA 02601

Handles divorces for primary caretakers with abuse and contested custody. Can also refer qualified individuals to private attorneys for free representation.

Call (508) 775-7020 or

(508) 428-8161 or

(800) 742-4107

LEGAL ADVOCACY & RESOURCE CENTER

Provides telephone information, pro se assistance and referrals to legal service agencies.

Intake hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from

9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Call (800) 342-5297

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Private, volunteer attorney offers brief consultation at the courthouse providing basic legal advice to qualifying individuals on a walk-in basis. Attorney does not continue to advise the individual after initial meeting or accompany individual into the courtroom. Attorney may not be available every day. For availability, call (508) 362-2511 or ask at the Registry of Probate.